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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (OMISSION LINE 3, PARA 2)

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS: ARGENTINE
FOOTWEAR

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4159

1. ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR ORFILA AND COUNSELOR FOR
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS CARAM CALLED ON TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY MARKS AND DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF TARIFF AND TRADE
AFFAIRS IRVIN TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER THE MANNER IN
WHICH U.S. FACT-FINDING TEAM HAD BEEN RECEIVED. ORFILA
REQUESTED TREASURY'S HELP IN AVERTING CLASH OVER ISSUE,
WHICH HE FORESAW WOULD RESULT, IF TREASURY WERE TO NOW
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ISSUE A COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDING NOTICE BASED ON

WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN ARGENTINA.

2. MARKS SAID THAT HE SAW NO OPTION OTHER THAN TO ISSUE A PROCEEDING NOTICE UNLESS AMBASSADOR COULD ASSURE TREASURY WITHIN 48 HOURS THAT AN ARGENTINE DELEGATION, ABLE TO FURNISH COMPLETE INFORMATION ON GOA EXPORT ASSISTANCE TO SHOE INDUSTRY, WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH TREASURY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19. MARKS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GOA INDICATED THAT A BOUNTY OR GRANT WAS BEING PAID OR BESTOWED, TREASURY WOULD BE FORCED TO COUNTERVAIL IN VIEW OF MANDATORY NATURE OF STATUTE.

3. ORFILA AGREED THAT, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, TREASURY'S REQUEST WAS REASONABLE. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT HIS GOVERNMENT AND ADVISE THEM AS FOLLOWS: (A) IF GOA BELIEVES IT CAN SUBSTANTIATE THAT NO BOUNTY OR GRANT BEING PAID, THEY SHOULD SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY; (B) HOWEVER, IF GOA UNABLE TO ESTABLISH THAT NO BOUNTY OR GRANT BEING PAID, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER TO LEAVE MATTERS STAND AS THEY ARE, WHICH MEANS THAT TREASURY WOULD PROCEED WITH THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION.

4. ORFILA WILL INFORM MARKS BY JUNE 13 WHETHER OR NOT GOA INTENDS TO SEND DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON. SISCO

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